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Effect of Communist Education and Indoctrination of Youth

1.  there were fewer convinced Communists among young people than in the older generation.  thought that youth showed more spirit of resistance to the Communists than did older people. Young workers in factories were especially independent. They did not yet have families of their own to support, and they felt they had little to lose by talking back to the Communists. 50X1
2. Teen-agers were, if anything, even less interested in Communism and more critical of the régime now than they were several years ago. There was a fair amount of hooliganism, but much of it was really only the release by young people of excess energy -- the result, in short, of a lack of other available opportunities for relaxation and diversion. The authorities tried to label as hooligans young people who wore extreme "Western-looking" clothes and who indulged in jitterbug dancing. Since the public distrusted anything the authorities said or did, this campaign had actually caused the hooligans to receive a certain amount of public support. Thus, in a scuffle between drunken youngsters and policemen, the public would certainly not intervene to help the policemen, but would instead hastily hurry away to leave the police to take care of themselves.

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3. Young people resented the régime's efforts to prevent them from dancing or dressing the way they wanted, but otherwise the grievances of youth were pretty much those of the whole population.

Membership of the CSM (Czechoslovak Youth Organization)

4. [redacted] generally necessary for entry into institutions or higher learning, but that it was not a necessary prerequisite for good employment opportunities or for participation in organized sports. There was constant pressure on all young people to join the CSM, but [redacted] the only people who joined were students, factory apprentices (internaty), white collar clerks, and members of the armed forces. Apprentices joined because they feared they might not be rated as skilled workers when they finished their training. Clerks joined because they feared they would be forced to do manual labor. Soldiers and airmen joined because they were subject to military discipline and feared that a way might be found to punish them if they refused to join. 50X1
5. For other young people, the CSM was mainly a paper organization. Source had been a member in school. [redacted] 50X1  
the Kolin refinery [redacted], though [redacted] 50X1  
He paid his dues while in the air force. [redacted] 50X1  
went to a CSM meeting held during working hours at the refinery. Although there were about 400 young people in the CSM age group (14 to 26) at the refinery, and though about 200 of these held CSM membership cards (without necessarily having kept their dues up to date), only 12 persons were at the meeting. 50X1
6. [redacted] membership in the CSM was not important for persons interested in sports. Very good sportsmen were given jobs by factories to play on factory teams without regard to CSM membership. The ordinary players belonged to the factory teams run by the trade-union organization, which in general had taken over much of the physical-training activities of the now generally defunct Sokol organization. As places in winter and summer resort hotels were allocated by the trade union. CSM membership was not important here either. Besides, [redacted] in taking part in organ [redacted] were run by communist activists in the CSM. 50X1

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